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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KER ET AL.

Examiner

Allan R. Wilson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0903.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 11-20, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims. This is not found persuasive because it would be an undue burden to consider and search both the device and method. As pointed out in the Restriction, the device and method are from different classes and therefore would require different considerations and searches. Claims 1-10 should be canceled.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schade et al. ("Schade") U.S. Patent No. 4,199,733.

With regards to claim 11, Schade illustrates in figures 1-4, particularly figure 2, (entire document) a substrate 59; a gate 62 formed on the substrate; a source 57 and drain 53 region formed in the substrate and respectively on both sides of the gate, the drain region being coupled to a pad 60 and the source region being coupled to receive a reference voltage 10; and a lightly

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doped region 54 formed in the substrate, and only between the gate and the drain region, having a depth greater than that of the drain region.

With regards to claim 12, Schade illustrates in fig. 2 the source 57 and drain 53 region are N+ doped regions.

With regards to claims 13 and 15, it is well known in the semiconductor art that the conductive type can be interchanged and have the same device structure.

With regards to claim 14, Schade illustrates in fig. 2 the lightly doped region is an N type.

With regards to claims 14 and 15, the examiner had to assume what the product would be by the process claimed. For example, in claim 14 it was assumed that the product was a lightly doped region of an N type. The claim that it was "implantation region" was not considered to have full patentable weight. A "product by process" claim is directed to the product per se, no matter how actually made, MPEP 2113 "Product-by-Process Claims," In re Brown, 173 USPQ 685; In re Luck, 177 USPQ 523; In re Fessmann, 180 USPQ 324; In re Avery, 186 USPQ 161; In re Wertheim, 191 USPQ 90; In re Marosi et al, 218 USPQ 289; and particularly In re Thorpe, 227 USPQ 964, all of which make it clear that it is the patentability of the final product per se which must be determined in a "product by process" claim, and not the patentability of the process, and that an old or obvious product produced by a new method is not patentable as a product, whether claimed in "product by process" claims or not. Note that applicant has the burden of proof in such cases, as the above case law makes clear.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 16-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Pfister (illustrates lightly doped regions deeper than the source and drain), Riccobene et al. (illustrates a doped region on the source side), Kosiak et al. and Bulucea (illustrates a lightly doped region surrounding a drain),

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from an examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Allan Wilson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1738. Examiner Wilson can normally be reached 7:00-4:00 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
January 11, 2005